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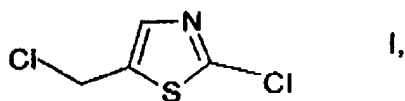
Amendments to the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 6 as indicated in the listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

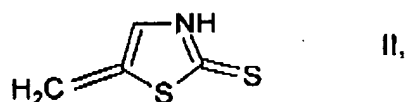
Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (previously amended) A process for preparing a compound of the formula



which comprises reacting a compound of the formula



in free form or in salt form, with a chlorinating agent.

Claim 3 (original) A process according to claim 2, wherein the chlorinating agent is selected from the group consisting of elemental chlorine, Javelle water, N-chlorosuccinimid, phosphorus trichloride, phosphorus pentachloride, sulfuryl chloride, thionyl chloride and mixtures of two or more of these compounds.

Claim 4 (original) A process according to claim 3, wherein the chlorinating agent is selected from the group consisting of elemental chlorine, sulfuryl chloride and a mixture of these two compounds.

Claim 5 (original) A process according to claim 4, wherein the chlorinating agent is sulfuryl chloride.

Claim 6 (amended) A process according to claim 2, wherein the reaction is run in a solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, strong organic carboxylic acids, aromatic, aliphatic and alicyclic hydrocarbons and halogenated hydrocarbons, and mixtures of these solvents.

Claim 7 (original) A process according to claim 6, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, formic acid, acetic acid, propionic acid, benzene, toluene,